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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/815,932) Examiner: S. Rao
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) Confirmation No.: 9409
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents,

Applicants provide a Notice of Reasons for Rejection mailed by the Japanese Patent

Office on June 24, 2008, in a counterpart Japanese Application No. 2004-265551 citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. An English-language translation of the Notice is attached. Applicants do not necessarily endorse any conclusions set forth in the Notice.

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Respectfully submitted,

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